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Councilmember Toni Atkins Named Deputy Mayor

Historic First For Member Of LGBT Community

SAN DIEGO — Third District City Councilmember Toni Atkins was appointed Deputy Mayor today by Mayor Dick Murphy, becoming the first member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to hold this position in San Diego. The appointment was made official at today's regularly scheduled council meeting with the unanimous support of the City Council.

"I'm honored that Mayor Murphy has appointed me to this esteemed position, and I'm grateful for the support of my fellow councilmembers," said Councilmember Atkins. "I'm equally proud to be the first member of San Diego's LGBT community to be Deputy Mayor. In a purely historical context, it's incredibly humbling and at the same time empowering to be the first of anything, so I accept this appointment proudly, and share this honor not only with members of the LGBT community, but all the residents of the Third District."

The Deputy Mayor's duties include running the City Council meetings in the Mayor's absence, and meeting with visiting dignitaries and representing the city at official government, civic and social functions when the Mayor is out of town or has a scheduling conflict.

"Councilmember Atkins will make a great Deputy Mayor," said Mayor Dick Murphy. "She has proven her ability to represent her constituents and the city well, to chair meetings and is an incredibly hard worker. I look forward to having Toni at my side this coming year."

Councilmember Atkins will hold the position of Deputy Mayor until December 6, 2004.

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